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Applicant: Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 7526  
Appl. No.: 09/530,013 Group: 1623  
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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING DEGRADATION OF NATRIURETIC  
PEPTIDES THROUGH USE OF SPECIALIZED CONTAINERS UPON  
MEASURING AND HANDLING OF SPECIMEN (As Amended)

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

November 20, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 20, 2001, the due date for reply being November 20, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE TITLE:

✓  
Please delete the present title in its entirety and replace it with --METHOD FOR INHIBITING DEGRADATION OF NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES THROUGH USE OF SPECIALIZED CONTAINERS UPON MEASURING AND HANDLING OF SPECIMEN--.